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	SAMUEL WOOLWINE	1637	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 12/04/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,10 and 12-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Martin Fessenmaier on 12/16/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 3, replace the text "...an HPV gene other than the HPV E1 gene." with "...an HPV gene in addition to the HPV E1 gene."

In claims 10 and 15, replace the text "...belong to different ones of risk clusters." with "...belong to different HPV risk types."

In claims 12 and 13, replace the text "The method of claim 2..." with "The method of claim 1..."

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims as amended recite nucleic acid probes or the use thereof in the claimed methods, wherein the probes are selected from among SEQ ID NO:24 to 59. Each of these probes comprises at the 5' end a "spacer" sequence: TTTTCTTTTCTTTTC. While it was known in the art to employ non-specific nucleotide spacers for attaching specific nucleic acid probes to a solid phase, there is no teaching or suggestion for this particular spacer, nor any rationale for selecting this particular spacer out of the uncountable

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number of possible lengths and sequences of spacer. Furthermore, Applicant's specification at page 12, states that the nucleotide composition of the spacer "need to be selected in such a way that no cross hybridization occurs with other relevant DNA fragments in the assay." To avoid cross hybridization was also known in the art. Since HPV is a human pathogen, human DNA would reasonably be expected to be present in the sample being assayed.

In fact, TTTTCTTTTCTTTTC is found within the human genome. It is found within a short tandem repeat (STR) in the first intron of human CD4 gene (which is on chromosome 12) (Edwards reference, page 4791; note that a repetition of at least 4 CTTTT units produces the sequence of the Applicant's spacer):

Source and Description of Clone: Partial sequencing of an approximately 15 kb lambda insert (lambda hg1) containing exons 1-3 of the human CD4 gene revealed a tract of 12 CTTTT's. The sequences flanking the pentanucleotide repeat (CTTTT)_n were then used to design PCR primers that amplified a 113 base pair fragment from lambda hg1.

Primer Sequences:

5'-TTGGAGTCGCAAGCTGAACTAGC-3' (CTTTT strand),
5'-GCCTGAGTGACAGAGTGAGAACC-3' (AAAAG strand)

Polymorphism: Allelic fragments in 5 bp intervals from 88 to 128 bp.

Frequencies: (a) in 100 unrelated Caucasians, (b) in 14 unrelated North American Blacks:

Allele (bp)	Freq.(a)	Freq.(b)	Allele (bp)	Freq.(a)	Freq.(b)
A8 88	0.365	0.286	A4 108	0.300	0.036
A7 93	0.295	0.214	A3 113	0.025	0.250
A6 98	0.005	0.107	A2 118	0.005	0.036
A5 103	0.005	0.036	A1 128	0.000	0.036

It is also an STR on the human Y chromosome, where there can be from 8-12 repeats of TTTTC (Butler reference, Table 14.8.3):

Table 14.8.3 Characteristics of common Y-chromosome STR markers

STR Marker	Position (Mb) ^a	Repeat Motif	Allele Range ^b	PCR Product Size (Kit)	STR diversity ^c
DYS19	9.44	TAGA	10-19	232-268 bp (PPY)	0.498
DYS385 a/b	20.00, 20.04	GAAA	7-25	243-315 bp (PPY)	0.838
DYS389I/II	13.92	TC TG TCTA	10-15 / 24-34	148-168 bp / 256-296 bp (PPY)	0.538/ ^d 0.675
DYS390	16.52	TCTA TCTG	18-27	191-227 bp (PPY)	0.701
DYS391	13.41	TCTA	6-13	90-118 bp (PPY)	0.552
DYS392	21.78	TAT	7-18	294-327 bp (PPY)	0.596
DYS393	3.04	AGAT	8-16	104-136 bp (PPY)	0.363
DYS437	13.78	TCTA	13-17	183-199 bp (PPY)	0.583
DYS438	14.25	TTTTC	8-12	101-121 bp (PPY)	0.594
DYS439	13.83	AGAT	8-15	203-231 bp (PPY)	0.639

^aPositions determined along human genome reference sequence in Jan 2003 using BLAT (see Butler 2003)

^bRanges are calculated from kit allelic ladders and do not represent the full range of alleles observed in world populations.

^cCalculated from 244 Caucasian males (Schloske et al., 2003)

The presence of Applicant's spacer sequence within the human genome not only fails to provide a rationale to use that sequence as a spacer, but actually provides a rationale *not* to use that sequence.

Applicant is reminded that a certified copy of the foreign priority document, application 02076494.0, has not been provided.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAMUEL WOOLWINE whose telephone number is (571)272-1144. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571) 272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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